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In re the Application of : Katsushige MARUI, et al.

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For: : HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE SUBMODULE

AND MODULE INCLUDING THE SAME

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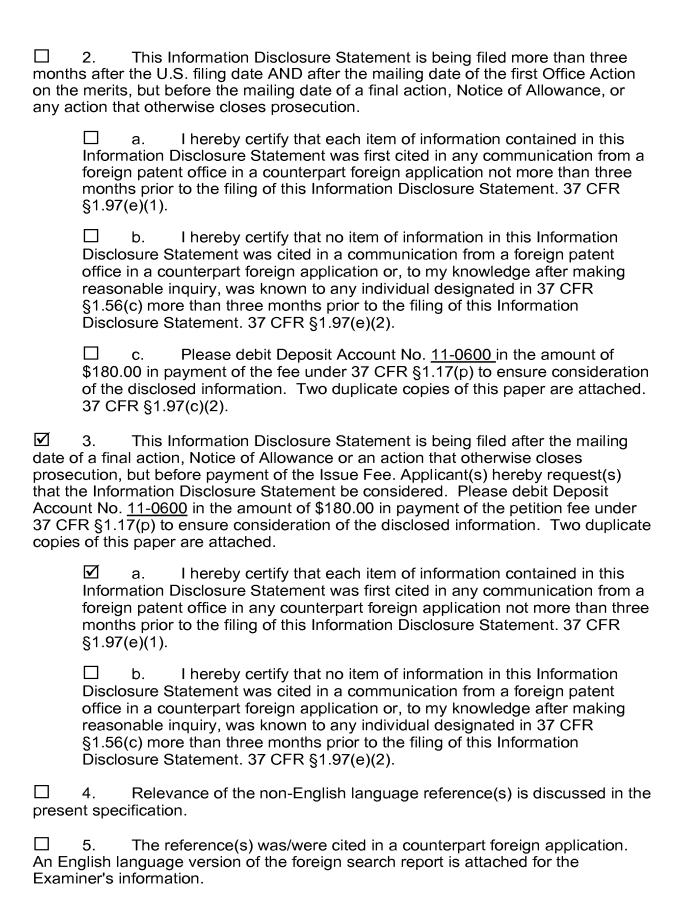
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed form PTO/SB/08, shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is prior art, or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b). The paragraphs marked below are applicable. It is believed that no fees other than those indicated below are due, but authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees due, or to credit any overpayment, to deposit account 11-0600.

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☐ 6. Appendix a	A concise explanat ttached hereto.	ion of tl	he relevance of the references appears in the	
7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No, filed, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.				
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US 6,149,817 on the attached PTO/SB/08 is a counterpart patent of JP 2000-262870.				
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